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SUBJ: "MAHDI" OF BATHA REVERTS TO BEING SIMPLE MOSLEM

REF: NDJAMENA 2574

1. REFTTEL REPORTED ANNOUNCEMENT SELF-PROCLAIMED MAHDI IN BATHA PREFECTURE IN CENTRAL CHAD; HIS CALL FOR "HOLY WAR"; AND GOC REACTIONS.

2. AS RESULT VISIT OF IMMAM OF NDJAMENA AND SIX ULEMAS, MINISTER OF STATE KHERALLAH INFORMED US AND SEVERAL DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES AT SOCIAL FUNCTION OCT 4, THE MAHDI OF BATHA DECIDED THAT HE HAS BEEN MISTAKEN IN PROCLAIMING HIMSELF MAHDI, AND THAT HE WAS ONLY A GOOD SIMPLE MOSLEM. NEWS REPORTED BRIEFLY BY MEDIA FOLLOWING DAY, WHICH LAUDED WISDOM OF PRESIDENT IN TREATING MATTER AS PURELY RELIGIOUS MATTER REQUIRING NO ACTION BY THE STATE.

3. DEFENSE ATTACHE AT MONGO AIRPORT OCT 5 NOTED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED WELL-EQUIPPED CHADIAN SOLDIERS EMBARKING FOR NDJAMENA PURPORTEDLY FROM BATHA PREFECTURE.

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